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## THE PROGRAM OF THE FIGHT FOR SIGHT

*Research* grants to accredited medical colleges and institutions to help provide equipment, technical assistance and materials for research projects and select clinical services; fellowship awards to qualified investigators, enabling them to devote full-time to basic research and clinical investigative medicine; student fellowships to promising medical students offering them the opportunity to engage in research during the summer months, with the view of encouraging them to embark on a career in eye research to meet the shortage of trained investigators in this field.

*Education* by presenting the facts regarding defective sight and blindness, the need for increased public support in the field of eye research, the work being done, and the results research can achieve if adequately financed.

*Service* to individuals requesting information concerning available sources for eye care and referrals to appropriate agencies offering counsel and assistance in the fields of rehabilitation and welfare.

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### RESEARCH AWARD POLICY

THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE sets the policy for the organization's research and case service program. This committee meets annually for the purpose of reviewing applications, and allocating funds for Fight for Sight grant-in-aid and fellowship awards. It reviews reports, manuscripts and papers submitted by investigators working under Fight for Sight research awards. The members of this Committee, in addition, serve in consultative capacity to the Executive Staff in the year-round activities related to research, public education and information, and case service.

The services of the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee are rendered without compensation.

At its meeting, held in June 1954, the Committee added to the Council's program of grant-in-aid and full-time research fellowships, the financing of summer student fellowships, as a means of encouraging students of medicine and the basic sciences to enter the field of ophthalmic investigation. The Committee has at subsequent meetings extended the fellowship program to include from time to time, traveling and part-time research fellowships.

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GENERAL NEWS

# National Council to Combat Blindness 1959-60

## Research Grants

### GRANTS-IN-AID AND CLINICAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Investigator & Institution	Project Title	Amount
Adler, Francis H., M.D. & Frayer, William C., M.D. Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.	Study of the Factors Involved in the Pro- liferation of the Retinal Pigment Epi- thelium in Disease	\$ 1000
Auerlach, Edgar, M.D. Hadassah University & Medical School, Jerusalem, Israel.	Impaired Vision and its Connection with Light (Color) Sense	1500
Balazs, Endre A., M.D. Retina Foundation, Boston.	Studies on the Hyaluronic Acid Formation in the Vitreous Body	4000
Baum, Gilbert, M.D. New York University, Post- graduate Medical School, New York.	A Comparison of the Acoustic Properties of Benign and Malignant Ocular Tissues	5000
Brunish, Robert, Ph.D. University of Virginia School of Medicine, Charlottesville, Va.	Characterization of the Ophthalmotrophic Hormone	6900
Campbell, Charles J., M.D. Columbia University, College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York.	The Determination of Adoptometric Thresh- olds of Various Regions of the Retina in Normal and Pathological Subjects and the Relation of the Thresholds to the Clinical Appearance of the Fundus	4155
Cibis, Paul A., M.D. Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis.	Histopathology of the Eye with Oblique Illumination	6512
Day, Robert M., M.D. Columbia University, College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York.	Exophthalmos Inhibiting Factor in Human Serum	1200
Donn, Anthony, M.D. Columbia University, College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York.	Factors Influencing the Active Transport of Sodium into the Corneal Stroma	1500
Garron, Levon K., M.D. & Foerster, Helenor Campbell Francis I. Proctor Foundation, University of California, San Francisco.	Special Histopathologic Study of Endoge- nous Uveitis	4500
Germuth, F. G., Jr., M.D. & Senterfit, Lawrence B. Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, N.C.	Studies on Antigen-Antibody Reaction in the Avascular Cornea	5000
Hanna, Calvin, Ph.D. University of Vermont, Buri- lington, Vt.	Studies on Cataract Formation	3254
Hargens, Mr. C. W. The Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania, Phila- delphia.	Development, Exploration, and Application of a Glaucoma Detector Based on Induced Vibrations of the Eyeball	3000

Investigator & Institution	Project Title	Amount
Hepner, Ray, M.D. University of Maryland, School of Medicine, Baltimore	The Effects of Maternal Hyperoxemia on the Intrauterine Development of the Eye	1750
Isr, Gilbert, M.D. University of Illinois, Chicago	Role of the 'A' Wave in Clinical Electro-retinography	3000
Jacobson, Jerry Hart, M.D. New York Eye & Ear Infirmary, New York	Behavioral Studies of Higher Level Vision in Monkeys	5000
Kornblueth, Walter, M.D. Hadassah University Hospital, Jerusalem, Israel	Metabolism of Orbital Fat	3800
Kornzweig, Ahraham, L., M.D. Home for Aged & Infirm Hebrews of New York, New York	The Eye in Old Age—A Clinical and Pathological Study	1250
Ley, Albert, P., M.D. Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis	Histology of Zonulolysis with Alpha Chymotrypsin	4975
Lovekin, Louise G., M.D. Yale University, New Haven, Conn.	Physiological Reaction to Glass Implantation in Tissues	750
Luck, Cecil P. (Dr.) University College of East Africa, Kampala, Uganda, Africa	Comparative Ophthalmology of Mammals, with Special Reference to Primates	4500
Sistrom, William R., Ph.D. Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.	The Role of Carotene Pigments in the Structure and Function of the Chromatophores of Photosynthetic Bacteria	5000
Smelser, George K., Ph.D. Columbia University, College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York	Investigations on the Pathogenesis of Experimental Exophthalmos	2400
Tsutsui, Jun, M.D. Okayama Rosai Hospital, Okayama-shi, Japan	Immunochemical Studies of Corneal Protein in Homo- and Hetero-Corneal Graft	1400
Wolken, Jerome I., Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh, Medical Center, Pittsburgh	Photoreceptor Structures	3132

## SPECIAL GRANT

For payment to specialized personnel for the development of a scientific protocol for the investigation of 11-cis vitamin A as a therapy for retinitis pigmentosa and one which will provide future investigators with a standard procedure for the evaluation of therapies purported to be beneficial in the treatment of this disease.

4500

## CLINICAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Gordon, Dan M., M.D. New York Hospital—Cornell Medical Center, New York	For the Maintenance and Improvement of Low Vision Clinic; Application of Visual Aids in Patients with Subnormal Vision	\$ 2250
Holtz, Harry M., M.D. Newark Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, N.J.	To Provide Instruments and Equipment for Tonography in Glaucoma and Suspected Glaucoma	1000
Kirsch, Ralph E., M.D. Mt. Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach, Fla.	Purchase of Equipment to Assist in the Establishment of an Eye Clinic	2500

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PREDOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS  
 1959-60

Fellow & Institution	Direct Supervisor	Project Title	Amount
Bard, Leslie A. (Mr.) Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.	Arnall Patz, M.D.	Serum Proteins in Diabetes and Diabetic Retinopathy	\$ 2000
Brandt, Philip W. (Mr.) Columbia University, Col- lege of Physicians & Sur- geons, New York.	George D. Pappas, Ph.D. & George K. Smelser, Ph.D.	A Study of Solute Move- ment Across the Endo- thelial-like Cells and Epi- thelial Cells Lining the Anterior Segment of the Eye	4400
Chulavachana, Tavisak, M.D. Tulane University, School of Medicine, New Orleans.	James H. Allen, M.D. & Earl Fisher, Jr., Ph.D.	Studies Regarding Ocular Staphylococcal Infections	4800
Hedbys, Bengt Olof, M.D. Retina Foundation, Boston.	Claes H. Dohlman, M.D.	Studies on Corneal Dehy- dration and Experimental Keratoplasty	5000
Hoimberg, Ake Sigurd, M.D. Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis.	Bernard Becker, M.D.	Ultrastructure of the Cili- ary Epithelium and the Traheculum	2500
Leith, Arthur B., M.D. University of London, Lon- don, England.	Dr. E. S. Perkins	Measurment of Episcleral & Aqueous Vein Pres- sures in Open Angle Glaucoma	2400
Matton-Van Leuven, Maria Th., M.D. Duke University, School of Medicine, Durham, N.C.	F. W. Stocker, M.D. & N. Georgiade, M.D.	Comparative Studies, by Tissue Culture and Graft- ing of Viability of Ani- mal and Human Corneas, Frozen at Various Tem- peratures	3600
Rohen, Johannes, W., M.D. Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis.	Bernard Becker, M.D.	Experimental Studies on the Histology of the Tra- becular Meshwork	5000
Tokunaga, Tsugihiko, M.D. State University of Iowa, University Hospitals, Iowa City.	P. J. Leinfelder, M.D.	Cytological Study in Elec- tron Microscopy on Rad- iation Cataract; Study on Incipient Opacities of Experimental Cataracts	1200
Tsukahara, Isamu, M.D. Columbia University, Col- lege of Physicians & Sur- geons, New York.	Algernon B. Reece, M.D.	Ophthalmic Pathology	2500

SUMMER STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS  
 1959

Applegate, George W. Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Balti- more	Arnall Patz, M.D.	Experimental Production of Ocular Tumors and Sur- face Epithelial Down- growths in the Animal Eye	\$ 600
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Fellow & Institution	Direct Supervisor	Project Title	Amount
Bean, William J. Tulane University, School of Medicine, New Orleans.	Fred W. Schueler, Ph.D. Monte G. Holland, M.D.	Re-examination of the Physiology of Aqueous Humor Kinetics: Appli- cation of Newly Devel- oped Techniques on the Study of Aqueous Hu- mor Kinetics to Ophthal- mic Pharmacology	600
Bergland, John Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Balti- more.	A. E. Maumenee, M.D.	Investigations in Ocular Hypersensitivity	600
Burda, Christopher D. Tulane University, School of Medicine, New Orleans.	Earl Fisher, Jr., Ph.D.	Experimental Fungal Ker- atitis in Rats	600
Burket, John M. State University of Iowa, College of Medicine, Iowa City.	Ralph C. Janes, Ph.D.	Histological Studies of the Iris with Especial Con- sideration of the Dilator Fibers. Comparison of Animals and Man Using Various Techniques	400
Christy, Rosa Mae University of California, Medical Center, San Fran- cisco.	I. W. Monie, M.B., Ch.B. (Glas)	Histochemical Study of the Distribution of Acid Mu- copolysaccharides, Carbo- hydrates, and Lipids in the Anterior Segment of the Rat Eye	600
Feller, Martin R. State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, New York.	Bernard Schwartz, M.D.	Temperature Gradients in the Rabbit Eye	550
Franklin, Ernest W., III Charlotte Memorial Hos- pital, Charlotte, N.C.	Frederick G. Germuth, Jr., M.D.	Studies of Antigen-Anti- body Reactions in the Avascular Cornea	600
Hopkins, David R. Retina Foundation, Boston.	Torvard C. Laurent, M.D.	Interaction Between Col- lagen and Other Macro- molecules in Collagen Gels	400
Leibowitz, Howard, M.I. Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Balti- more.	James J. Parks, Ph.D.	Investigations in Ocular Hypersensitivity	600
Metz, Henry S. State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, New York	Donald M. Kirschen- baum, Ph.D.	Determination of the Pro- teolytic Activity of the Lens of the Eye	600
O'Brien, James E., Ph.D University of Vermont, Col- lege of Medicine, Burling- ton, Vt.	Calvin Hanna, Ph.D.	Intracellular Biochemical Changes in the Gamma Ray Treated Eye	600
Overby, John L. Tulane University, School of Medicine, New Orleans.	Earl Fisher, Jr., Ph.D.	Immunnochemical Analysis of Corneal Proteins. (1. Comparison of Various Animal Species)	600

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Fellow & Institution	Direct Supervisor	Project Title	Amount
Schafrauk, Michael S. State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, New York.	Bernard Schwartz, M.D.	Changes in the pH of the Aqueous of the Enucleated Rabbit Eye with Time	600
Shin, Ernest Ean-Ho Eye and Ear Hospital, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh.	Jerome J. Wolken, Ph.D.	Physicochemical Mechanism of Energetics in Photoreception, with Main Emphasis on Energy Transfer. Energy Transfer in Photoreceptor of <i>Euglena Gracilis</i>	600
Stiles, James F. State University of Iowa, College of Medicine, Iowa City.	Ralph C. Janes, Ph.D.	The Penetration of Radio Labeled Cortisone and Hydrocortisone in Normal Eyes with Certain Pathological Abnormalities	600
Sugiki, Shigemi Washington University, School of Medicine, St. Louis.	Bernard Becker, M.D.	Tissue Culture of the Ciliary Body Epithelium. Effects of Cyanide, Anoxia, Carbonic Anhydrase Inhibitors, etc.	600
Watanabe, Saeko Okayama Rosai Hospital, Japan.	Jun Tsutsui, M.D.	Electrophoretic Analysis of Corneal Protein. Comparative Analysis of Corneal Protein Fraction in Different Kinds of Animal Species	250
Witkovsky, Paul University of California, Los Angeles.	Frederick Cresentelli, Ph.D.	Attempt to Correlate Electroretinographic Responses with Retinal Development Using the Embryonic Chick; to Begin with a Systematic Examination (Histologically) of the Developing Retina at Various Time Intervals	600
Zweifach, Philip H Cornell University, Medical College, New York.	Miles A. Galin, M.D.	Alterations in Intraocular Pressure Induced by Blood Osmolol Changes	600

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS & APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1959**

(Summary of complete Financial Statement prepared by Gordon, Kraus & Company, Certified Public Accountants, New York 17, N. Y.)

**RECEIPTS:**

Contributions		\$196,733.91
Membership		15,647.17
"Lights On" — Receipts	\$ 34,722.90	
Less — Disbursements	<u>7,967.39</u>	26,755.51
Arnold Reuben Fight For Sight Fund		3,665.11
Michael and Rose Tenzer Memorial Fund		7,871.05
Bequest		1,000.00
Project Refunds (prior year's appropriations)		8,165.99
Interest — Savings accounts		6,728.03
Dividends — Investments		450.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$267,016.77</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Program:

Public Information and education	\$ 28,135.04
Case Service	7,852.74
Research, supplemental	14,172.40
Research, grants-in-aid, fellowships and clinical service projects	<u>\$124,199.50</u>
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>\$174,359.68</b>

Operational:

Administrative	\$20,494.19
Fund Raising	<u>20,820.20</u>
<b>TOTAL OPERATIONAL</b>	<b>\$ 41,314.39</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$215,674.07</b>
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$ 51,342.70</u></b>

NOTE: Funds appropriated for research grants, fellowships and clinical service projects for the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1959 total \$156,696.96. This amount and \$30,195.95 appropriated in prior years for a total of \$186,892.91 will be disbursed in the fiscal year ended March 31st, 1960 and thereafter. Research grants, fellowships and clinical service projects already approved by the Scientific Advisory Committee to be expended for the year ended March 31st, 1960 total \$139,392.91.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

MARCH 31, 1959

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### ASSETS

Cash in commercial banks	\$ 29,201.61
Cash in savings banks	<u>298,692.60</u>
Total cash in banks	\$327,894.21
Investments (market value \$12,000.) — at cost	8,832.56
Other assets	<u>918.33</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$337,645.10</u></b>

### LIABILITIES

#### FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR RESEARCH:

General Funds	\$135,892.91
Clinical Service Project Fund	50,000.00
Fight For Sight Citation Fund	<u>1,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR RESEARCH</b>	<b>\$186,892.91</b>

#### CAPITAL:

Special Fund	\$ 2,500.00
Reserve Fund	100,000.00
Operating Fund	<u>48,252.19</u>

**TOTAL CAPITAL** \$150,752.19

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** \$337,645.10

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